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SUBJECT REPORT INCLUDES JUST RELEASED SECTION ENTITLED "RELATIONS
WITH THE US". FOLLOWING TWO PARAGRAPHS DEAL WITH AZORES
NEGOTIATIONS AND "WASHINGTON POST" ARTICLE CONCERNING NACALA.
(FULL REPORT BEING POUCHED WASHINGTON.) (AC/AC-
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120. DURING HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN OCTOBER, THE
UNITED STATES MADE USE OF THE LAJES AIR BASE IN THE AZORES
AS AN INTERMEDIATE STOP FOR UNITED STATES CARGO PLANS
TRANSPORTING MILITARY GOODS TO ISRAEL. IT IS REPORTED THAT,
IN RETURN, PORTUGAL EXPECTS GREATER SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED
STATES FOR ITS COLONIAL POLICY IN AFRICA AND THAT IT INTENDS
TO DEMAND A HIGHER PRICE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT
ON THE AZORES ABSE. ACCORDING TO PORTUGUESE SOURCES,
IN DECEMBER 1973, DURING HIS VISIT TO LISBON, HENRY KISSINGER, UNITED
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STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, HAD DISCUSSED

WITH MR. PATRICIO THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE USE OF THE AZORES AIR BASE. THE AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF THE BASE EXPIRED ON 2 FEBRUARY 1974. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PORTUGUESE AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS ARE CONTINUING AND THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN MORE ADVANCED WEAPONS TO COUNTER THE MILITARY EFFECTIVENESS OF THOSE USED BY THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE AND ESPECIALLY THOSE USED BY THE ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA--BISSAU.

121. IN AN ARTICLE IN THE WASHINGTON POST DATED 26 JANUARY 1974, IT WAS STATED THAT, IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, HALL THEMIDO, THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, HAD STRESSED THE USEFULNESS OF THE PORT OF NACALA ON THE COAST OF MOZAMBIQUE FOR UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES OPERATING IN THE INDIA OCEAN. OTHER SOURCES INDICATED THAT, IN SOME UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CIRCLES, NACALA IS ALREADY BEING GIVEN CONSIDERATION FOR THE POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF UNITED STATES FACILITIES IN THAT PART OF AFRICA. UNQTE BENNETT

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